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1. ☒ The amendment filed on 13 September 2007 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) ☐ entered.
- b) ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) ☐ disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.

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- d) ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

*The amendment does not carry any additional meaning, and could have been entered earlier.*

  
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